

REMARKS

Claims 1-18 are pending in the application. Favorable examination in light of the remarks which follow is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-18 have been subjected to the following restriction requirement:

Group I claims 1-4, 5, 8-9, 13-17 drawn to hexapeptide of SEQ ID NO 1-9

Group II claims 1-3, 5, 6-7, 8-9, 14-17 drawn to peptides of SEQ IS 10-30

Group III claims 10 and 18, drawn to polynucleotide

Group IV claims 11, drawn to method of producing the antimicrobial peptide using recombinant techniques

Group V claims 12, drawn to method of producing an antimicrobial peptide using synthetic techniques

Applicants elect Group II (claims 1-3, 5, 6-7, 8-9, and 14-17) as a single invention without traverse for examination.

Should the Examiner believe that a telephone interview would be helpful to expedite favorable prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

In the event any fees are due in connection with the filing of this document, the Commissioner is authorized to charge those fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-1063.

Respectfully submitted,

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